

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 11, 14, and 17 have been amended and Claims 28-29 have been added as a result of this response. Claims 1, 11, 14, 21, and 27 are independent claims.

The Examiner required restriction of one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-20, drawn to method for testing a multi-chip package, classified in class 324, subclass 158.1.

II. Claims 21-27, drawn to method for testing a multi-chip package, classified in class 324, subclass 765.

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the Group II invention, including at least claims 21-27 with traverse.

In the Restriction Requirement of March 2, 2005, the Examiner has indicated that he believes inventions II and I are related as combination and subcombination. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the method of claims 1 and 14 recite a loading step, whereas the method of claims 21 and 27 do not.

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the amendments to claims 1 and 14, which delete the loading steps. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that each of Claims 1-27 now reads on the elected Group II invention.

Applicants further respectfully submit that dependent claims 28-29 read on the non-elected Group I invention. However, in the event of allowance of independent claims 1 and 14, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of non-elected claims 28-29, directed to the combination invention.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above stated reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding restriction/election requirement and favorable allowance of all claims in the instant application are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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